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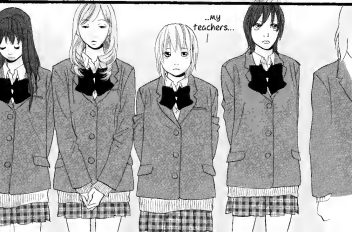
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AND
THAT...

...WAS THE
LAST THING
I THOUGHT
DURING MY
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION.

HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE,
TSUBOMI
SHIRAKAWA.
EIGHTEEN YEARS
AND NINE
MONTHS OLD.

*THIS
IS BAD.*





CAKE
CAKE

#1
cousin



Hey,
Bon!



You're
not going,
Bon?

Is your
class
gonna go
celebrate?

Yup.

You're
leaving
already?

Yeah.
Seems
like it.



THIS GIRL'S
SAYO NAGASE.
EVERYONE
CALLS HER
PRINCESS
SAYO.

Don't think so.
Everyone's
already got
their own
plans.

Nah.
What
about
you?



It's not like
we're goin' out
with the guys
from class.

Why
not?

Don't
wanna.

...In *hell*
am I
gonna
go. No
way...

Forget
it.

My boyfriend
and his
friends want
to celebrate!

I'VE
KNOWN EIKO
KATAKURA
SINCE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL.
WE EVEN LIVE
NEAR EACH
OTHER.

BUT SHE
CHANGED
ONCE WE
GOT INTO
HIGH
SCHOOL,
DYING HER
HAIR AND
STUFF.

I GUESS
THAT
WAS HER
HIGH
SCHOOL
BLOSSOM-
ING?



You're
such
a...

...bitch!



Your
personality
sucks!

Oh,
yeah?

Is that
right?

So you're
gonna be
like *that*,
huh?

What-
ever.

Go ask
someone
outer.

The
hell-??





SHE WENT THROUGH SO MANY BOYFRIENDS, THAT I SAELY REMEMBER THE FIRST FOUR.



NOW WHAT...?



THAT WAS ACTUALLY MY FIRST TIME SPEAKING TO HER.

RITSUKO KANAI



See
ya!

Levee!

Bye,
Bon!

HOME-
ROOM
TEACHER

HITOMI

HIRA-
HAZA

NATSU



ASAHIINA GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL

...TO MY
BORING
HIGH
SCHOOL
LIFE.

GUESS
THIS IS
GOOD-
BYE...

WELP...





You know...
Shouldn't you
keep this as
a memento?

It's not
like I'll
ever use
it again.

Want to try
cosplaying
in it?

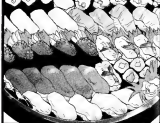


Hey,
Mom!

When's
recycle day,
again?



What do
you want
for dinner?



Sushi!



Congrate!

Yeah!

Thank!

Congratulations
on graduating!

Congrat-
ulations!

CLINK
カチン



...maybe you'll
finally get
yourself a
boyfriend!

When
you start
working...

So,
like...

Whisper



Shut
up!

Stop
eating,
Sis.
You'll get
fatter!

Eat
up,
kids!

ALL THE
PEOPLE MY
AGE ARE DOING
IT THESE DAYS.
PART-TIMING.
REALLY??

I'M NOW
A PROUD
MEMBER
OF THE
WORKING
WORLD.
A *PART-TIMER!*

YOU
HEARD
IT.

PART-TIMER



Huh?



Whatever.

Isn't
that Noni?



Who's
that?

Noni?

That's Noni
from Yasuko's
place in
Fujisawa.

What?

Oh,
you're
right.

The one in
the juice
commercial!

There!

You're all
the usual!

She's always
been really cute.

You
dress
and
look
just
so
long
and
that!

That girl
on TV.

You just
graduated
high school
right?

You
look more
mature!

I heard
she's been
scouted
many times.

Yasuko
was
boasting
about
it.

Like
I was
saying!

Are dramas
or movies
next?

You two
were probably
too young
to remember.

I told you.
She lives
with Granny
Yasuko.

Who's a
celebrity
?!

Who're
you
talking
about?!

That's
right!

She's your
cousin.

THIS IS
HER
BLOSSOM-
ING
AS A
CELEBRITY.



THIS
IS MY
BLOSSOM-
ING AS
A PART-
TIMER.



BUT, WELL...
THAT'S LIFE
I GUESS.

FAMILY
OR NOT,
THERE'S A
HUGE GAP
BETWEEN
US.

...ask
Shiroshita.

That's it for
the orientation.
If you have
any other
questions...

OH!

Hi.

Um,
hi!

I look
forward
to working
with you!

.....

.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....

Hi!
Come!

Bargain! Bargain! Bargain!



*THIS IS
BAD.*

I HAVEN'T
TALKED WITH
A BOY...

...SINCE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL.

NOW THAT
I THINK
ABOUT IT...



#2
cousin





.....
.....



You know...

7TH-THUMP
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER



.....
.....



Suspense!
Got it!

The suspense section's over there.



Huh?

There are other sizes, you know.



R-
Right!

If you aren't sure where they go, ask.

OK.
Listen up.

O-
OK.

Um, thanks ...



Your
uniform.

That
looks kinda
tight
on you...

You
can
ask...

...for a
bigger
size.



...and
become
beautiful.



Rejuvenate
your body...



Aqua Lemon
Beauty!

か
？
GRAB



You're
one to
talk!

What? It's not like
you'll look like *Mom*!
if you drink this.

I just
took
a sip.

I knew it!
You drank
it!

Hey, Sis.
Have you
seen my
Aqua
Lemon...P

KA-
CHAK

Hey, Sis.
Guess what?!

BZAT!

Yeah,
right!





WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH ME?



Katakura



GUESS I
WAS WRONG.

GOT PRETTIER
AND BECAME
POPULAR.

EVEN MY
CHILDHOOD
FRIEND,
EIKO...



.....
IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN LIKE
THAT.

SINCE WE GREW
UP TOGETHER,
I THOUGHT WE'D
BE THE SAME.

ONCE WE GOT
INTO HIGH SCHOOL,
SHE STARTED
DYING HER HAIR.



...I
NEVER EVEN
CONSIDERED
CONFESSING.

THAT'S WHY,
WHENEVER
I HAD A
CRUSH ON
SOMEONE...

BUT ALL THE
GUYS THAT
APPROACH-
ED US
IGNORED
ME.

IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL,
I WENT TO
THE BEACH
WITH SOME
FRIENDS.

SO I
CAN'T
REALLY
COMPLAIN
ABOUT...

IT WAS
FUN IN
ITS OWN
WAY.

...AND AVOIDED
ANYTHING
THAT FELT
LIKE TROUBLE.

I MADE
SOME
FRIENDS...

INSTEAD,
I CHOSE
TO GO TO
AN ALL-GIRLS
HIGH SCHOOL.

...HOW THINGS
TURNED OUT.

Whoa!







Oh,
hey.



What
happened?

I HAVE
TO WORK
WITH
THIS GUY
AGAIN?

UGH.

Hey...



THE HELL?!
BESIDES
FAT,
NOW I'M
CLUMSY?



Oh,
I kinda
had an
accident.

Yeah?
You look like
the clumsy type.



HUP

Your
finger.





you
serious
?

I can't believe you actually said that!

You do
look
like one
though!

BWA

HA
HA
HA

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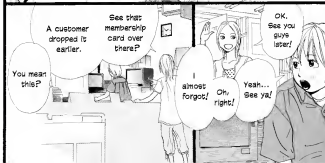


Yeah,
me too!
Sorry!

My bad!
Gimme
a sec!

Hey,
Shirohita.
My shift's up.

KA-
CHART



A customer
dropped is
earlier.

You mean
this?

I almost forgot!

Oh,
right!

Yeah...
See you!

OK.
See you
guys
later!



Isn't that
Mister
Nasukawa's?



Thanks.



Can you
give him
a call?

Yeah.
I think it
belongs to
that guy who
bumped
into you.

You
think so?



Oh...

My
family
eats
there
a lot.

Runs a
restaurant
in Maruyama.

Yeah.
He lives
near my
house.

Huh?
Mister
Nasu...

...
kawa
?



I'll call
him for
ya!



You look
like her.



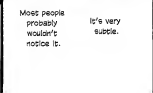
The Aqua
commercial
song.
You
know
that girl
that's
in it?

This
song!



Now I
remember!

Surprise!
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*Nori
Shira-
kawa.*

She's my
cousin,
you know.



I WANT
TO CHANGE

#3
cousin



YEAH,
RIGHT!

HA HA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA HA

HUH?

YOU?!
NONI'S
COUSIN?



YOU'RE
JUST SOME
PIG!!







JUST A DREAM...
JUST A
STUPID
DREAM.

HOLD IT.
JUST CALM
DOWN.
THAT WAS
A DREAM.



DRAMA ▶

It's been
a while!
How's it
going?

Working
hard?

Oh!
Hey,
Eiko!

WHEN'S
THE LAST
TIME A
DREAM
MADE
ME CRY?

Hey,
Bon!

You can't
fool me!
I'm talking
'bout that
cute guy
at the
counter!

So?
Made any
progress?

On
what?

I
guess
...

ニヤリ
GRIN







You're
joking!



No
way!

Yeah.

Tauboni?
As in
flower
bud?!

And my
little
sis is
called
Hina.

CAN
THIS GUY
GET ANY
RUDER?

CLOSED



.....

?



.....



Guess
you both
have a
lotta
growin'
up to
do!

A *flower*
bud and
a *chick*?!

I gotta
hand it
to your
parents!



I AM
SO NOT
TURNING
RED!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS!



It's cute!
Too cute!



...a
dog's
name.

It means castle,
but everyone
thinks it's...

Mine's
Shiro.



Feeling
sick?

Your face
looks
really red.

Hey!

What's
wrong?!

RATTLE
たれ
たれ



About
what you
said last
time...

Is it
true?



Hey,
um...

...Bon?



Thank
you
very
much!

MAYBE
HE'S
NOT
SUCH
A BAD
GUY...



Yeah.

You
sure?

I'm
fine.

SHE'S MY
COUSIN,
YOU KNOW.

NONI
SHIRAKAWA.

So,
it's
really
true....

Oh,
OK..

It is.

Yeah..

Do you
want me
to get
you....
...her
autograph?

Seriously
?!

YAHOO!!

Are
you a
fan?

YOU'RE
JUST
SOME FAN!!

STOP IT.
THAT
WAS JUST
A DREAM.



WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

FLUSTER

FLUSTER

FLUSTER



All right,
Bon!

Today's
my treat!



The
one who
dropped his
membership
card?

He runs a
restaurant
here.

I told you
right?

Remember
the guy
from
before?

WE'RE NOT
GONNA EAT
DINNER
TOGETHER,
ARE WE?

NO WAY!
ISN'T THIS
GOING
TOO FAST?!



Where...

...are we
going?

Leave
it to
me!



Sure,
sure.
Fat
chance.

Give us a
discount,
OK?

Hey!

We're
here
to eat!



Oh!

Welcome!



Oh,
um... ..

What
do you
normally
get?

Huh?

What're
you
gonna
get?



Hey.
Aren't you
that girl...?

Yeah.
Her name's
Bon!

H-Hello...



Me?
I get the
curry or
jambalaya.

Then,
I'll have the
jambalaya.

WAIT.
WHAT'S A
JAMBA-
LAYA?

WH-
WHY'S
THIS GUY...

I'll have
a soda and...

...JUST
LOOKING AT
ME AND
SMILING
LIKE THAT?



I tend to
run into
people
a lot...

Sorry again
about last
time.

That's
because
you're always
out of it.

Don't worry
about it!



Did I miss
something?

What's so
funny?

Huh?
Well... Oh...
Um...

Not
at
all!



Huh?
Really?

See?
You're
doing
it now!

Right?

MY
STOMACH...

I DON'T
GET IT.

...GETTING SO
NERVOUS?

...FEELS
FUNNY, TOO.

WHY
AM I...



THIS IS BAD.
THIS IS
REALLY,
REALLY,
REALLY, RE-



CALLER
EIKO KATANOBA



GLANCE GLANCE

The
restroom's
out that door.
Go straight
and it's on
the left.

Hey,
Bon.



IF EIKO'S
HERE,
THEN...

THAT'S
RIGHT!
I'LL CALL
EIKO
OVER!



WAS I
THAT
OBVIOUS?

GO FOR
IT...



...BON!



THEN...





...I'VE
GOTTA
GO FOR
IT!

IT'S A
REALLY
TINY
STEP,
BUT...

UP TILL
NOW...



No,
it wasn't.

You OK?
Was it
number 3?



Here!
Thanks for
waiting!



Welcome
back.

...ALL I EVER
DID WAS
RUN AWAY.

Hey,
Mister
Nasukawa.
Guess
what?!



This girl's
Noni's
cousin!



Need
a refill!

Enjoy.

Looks
yummy!

OK!



I'm not really
interested in
those things.

MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH



No way.
You don't
know *Noni*
Shirakawa
?!

Who?

Seems
like it.

Is she
cute?

Um.
Excuse me.

Super
hot!!

Yeah!
Really,
really
cute!



...is really
delicious!

This...

IT'S ALL
THANKS
TO NONI.

IF IT'S
ENOUGH TO
MAKE ME CRY
IN MY DREAMS,
THEN I SHOULD
DO SOMETHING
ABOUT IT.



I'm glad
you like it.

Huh?
Not
sure.

How many
calories
is it?

A
lot?

Probably

Jambalaya



786 calories (1 portion)

Ingredients (2 portions)

- 1.5 cups rice
- 1.2 cups raw onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- Bacon as needed
- 1 paprika
- Chicken (optional)
- Sausage
- Olive oil
- Consommé
- Chili powder

#4
cousin





I'VE
DECIDED
WHAT
TO DO...



Food
expenses...
Pay up.



...WITH
MY FIRST
PAYCHECK.



I was
joking.

I'm not so
heartless as
to take your
petty earnings.

Sunset...
...in the
Seto Sea...

Now you
understand how
hard it is to earn
money, right? ♥

Why ask
then?!



Ah, yes.
Miss
Shirakawa.

I have an
appointment,
under
Shirakawa.

Please
come
this way.



Hi!
Welcome!



ALL
RIGHT!
GOODBYE
MY GRANNY
STYLIST
WITH A
PERM!



Thank you
for waiting.
Please come
this way.

OK!

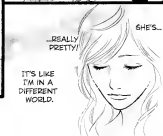


Then,
please write
down your name
and address.

Is this
your first
time here?

Oh,
sure.

Yeah.



...REALLY
PRETTY!

SHE'S

IT'S LIKE
I'M IN A
DIFFERENT
WORLD.



Hey
there!

I look
forward
to
working
with
you!

I'll be
your
stylist
today!
My name's
Kuzumi!



I want... Um,
well...

Yes?



An edgy and sharp
hairstyle that is sleek
and modern

...this!



WHY DOES
HE HAVE
A PERM?

Just a
haircut
today,
right?

Y-
Yeah.

What style
would you
like?

All right!
Leave it
to me!

FOR
REAL?!

Let's
go
dye
and
perm
it!



Or
died it,
right?

You've never
permed it,
right?

Nuh-
uh.

Nope.

You have
really
pretty
hair.

TH-
THUMP
F

!

You
know...

Yeah?



Want
to try
it?

TREMBLE
ムズ

ムズ TREMBLE

ムズ TREMBLE



.....

Hmm....

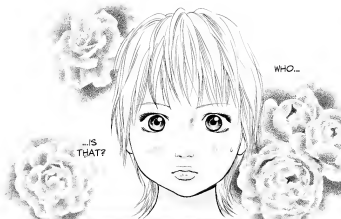
TREMBLE
ムズ



Let me guess.
It's the same
for makeup too,
right?

Um
Yeah





WHO...

...IS
THAT?



THAT
CAN'T...



SNAP



...BE ME,
RIGHT?!

...NOT UP
TO NONI
STANDARDS.
(DUH)

WAIT A SEC.
ON SECOND
THOUGHT...

...MAYBE
IT'S JUST
NORMAL?



BUT
COMPARED
TO BEFORE...

WELL...

IT'S
DEFINITELY...

...AREN'T I
A BIT
CUTER?

DOESN'T
IT...

...LOOK
CUTER?



I MEAN.

DON'T I
LOOK...

...MORE
ATTRACTIVE
NOW?





Hi,
Eiko?

Do you
have time
to meet
me now?

Really?

Yeah!

I want
you to go
somewhere
with me.

No,
I just need
your help with
something.



IF
THAT'S
THE
CASE
THEN...

...I KNOW
WHAT I
WANNA
DO NEXT.



TSURUBA DRUGSTORE

ツルバドラッグ



.....
.....

I don't
need that.

Your eyelashes
will look five
times thicker!

Never
?



Once you
apply it,
it'll never
come off.

This is
a good
mascara.

No way.

...will my
face stay
this way?

By the
way...

If I use
all this...



PFT?
But, you
know...

This is the
cutest I've
ever seen you!



Wasn't
that done
by a pro?

It takes
a ton of
practice.



洋行
WESTERN CRAFTS

SUN HOLIDAY
APRIL - SEPT
13 - 18
SEPT - SEPT
13 - 17

I'll treat
you, so
thanks.

No
problem.

Thanks,
Elko.

I know
a great
restaurant
nearby.

Really
?!



Thank
you very
much!



What
now?

It's only
4:30.

There's
still half
a day.

.....



Huh?!

Looks
like it's
closed.



**SORRY WE'RE
CLOSED**



...THINK
BY...



...A BIT...

...ACTUALLY...



...DISAPPOINTED.

Oh,
yeah!



What?

The guy at
the counter
last time!

Think that
cute guy's
there
today?



Shiro?
How cute!
Like a dog!
♡

You
mean...
Shiro?



Why don't we
stop by the
video store?

Huh?

Sure,
I guess...



Huh?

Umm...

Do I
know
you?



IS SHE
SERIOUS?



GEEZ...

WHY'S
THIS
GUY
SO...?

he
he he!

To a
certain
extent,
at least!



Whoa!

Nice!
Nice!

Lookin'
good!



FLINCH

Oh-
ho ho ho!

Stop
it!



I want to
rent a video.

What
do you
recommend,
Shiro?



Oh, hey.
You're Son's
friend,
right?

WHO'S
WHAT'S
WITH
HER
VOICE?

Yes,
hello!

IT'S
MY
FIRST
TIME
HEARING
IT.



Now,
work on
here next!

WHACK



Do you watch these kinds of movies with your girlfriend, too?

I'll rent this then.



Yes. Anything is fine.

Like a movie?



Really?

YOU JUST PICKED THE CLOSEST ONE.

Well, this one's interesting.



...watch comedies.

Yeah.

But we mostly...



And with a girl, too.

Anyways. Bon...

Isn't it kinda sad?

What are you doing here on your day off?



So, he has a girlfriend ...





what?!

*You like
Shiro,
Bon!*



No,
I don't.

What are
you talking
about?

.....

GEEZ...
IT'S ALWAYS
BOYS, BOYS,
BOYS...



Then,
why the
sudden image
change?!

At least
you're finally
acting more
feminine!

Fine!
What-
ever!



.....
.....
.....
.....

Just 'cuz?

...BECAUSE
OF ME?

...CAME TO
SEE SHIRO...

DON'T TELL
ME THAT
EIKO...



WAIT.



...IT'S JUST
THAT FOR
THE FIRST
TIME IN
MY LIFE...

...I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT
HOW GUYS
SEE ME.

SO WORRIED,
THAT I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO.

IT'S ALWAYS
BOYS, BOYS,
BOYS...



THE ONE
WHO
KEEPS
THINKING
ABOUT
BOYS...

...IS
ME.

YOU
KNOW,
EIKO...



.....
.....
.....

I KEEP
WORRYING...

AREN'T I
FORGETTING
SOMETHING?

WAIT
A SEC...

HUH?



...AND
WORRYING...

#5
cousin

WAIT.
WHAT?

...AND
WORRYING...

WHAT
WAS
I...

...
WORRIED
ABOUT
AGAIN?





Did you
get Nori's
autograph
yet?

Hey,
Bon.



That was
close.

I FEEL
KINDA
REFRESHED.



Today's
future
close.

YOU LIKE
SHIRO,
BON!



Oh, yeah!

What's up
with that?



You
forgot?

Today?

Sorry,
I'll try
asking
today.

My
bad.
☆

I
forgot.





Umm...

Well...

What's
your type?

Not
really.



Stop
that!

Urgs
...

You
sound
consti-
pated.

What
the-
?!

Hmm
...

Umm...



I guess
...

Well
...







...GUYS
ARE ALL
JERKS!

NO
MATTER
HOW
OLD
THEY
ARE...

I KNEW
IT!

I
WANNA
DIE!

THAT
IDIOT!

SHIRO'S
SUCH A
JERK!

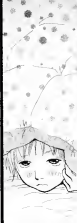
IDIOT!

HE'S
THE
WORST!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HE SAID
THAT!



Hey,
Mom?



Can you
call Granny
Yasuko?



It's just
an autograph.
It should
be fine.

She
might
be too
busy.



Noni's
autograph.

Why?

Can you
ask her
for one?



noni



Tell her to
sign it to,
Stupid Shiro.



WHAT?
WHAT?
WHAT?
WHAT?



FLAP

IF
ONLY
I WAS
CUTE
LIKE
HER.

I'M
SURE
EVERY
DAY...



は
SHUT
む



...WOULD
BE
NOTHING
BUT FUN.



SIGH



...PROBABLY.



I WOULDN'T BE AGONIZING OVER STUFF LIKE THIS...







IT DIDN'T
FEEL LIKE
A JOKE
TO ME!



I was
just joking,
you know.



I DON'T
KNOW
WHY...

...I KEEP
ACTING
LIKE A
CRYBABY.

THIS
SUCKS.



GEEZ...

WHY AM
I CRYING?





He's a
lonely
divorcé.



...got
divorced
last year.

Mister
Nasukawa...



Hey,
Son.



Then
just meet
more!

I mean
we've only
met...
...two or
three
times.



So if you
want him,
now's the
time!



Don't
get what?

What's
there not
to get?

What
are you
saying?

I don't
even get
my own
feelings
yet.



Well, of course not. You'd have to be married first.

You're thinking too much.

Being ...

... divorced.

I don't know how it feels.

HA
はははは
HA
HA



I'm not like you, Shiro!

Well, excuse me!



Fine!

Have it your way!

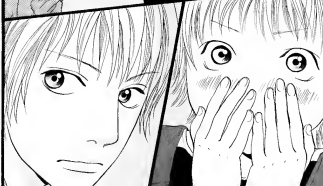


I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT!



DON'T
GO!







TROT
1/10
て



TROT
1/20
て



TROT
1/30
て



TROT
1/40
て



Yeah?

.....

CHUGGY
はて
て



Well...

...
you're
...

It's
just
that...

I didn't
mean what
I said.

I...



TURN



PFT?



Pft.



...I'm
sorry.



What
I mean
is...



Don't
worry
about it!

Ha ha ha!

I never
get tired
of you!



Hurry
up and
get in!

Right this
minute!

Teubom!
you're
being too
loud.

It's
embarrassing.



KA-CHAK

カチャリ



Ohh...

Ahh...

Stop
looking
around...



Hey!

Oh!

Oh!



Am I the
first guy to
come here?

Wanna
know?

Yeah.



Um...

Hmm...

Wh-

Wh-

What
is it?



I only
see you
as a
friend.

I knew
it!

Don't
worry
about it.





THIS GUY
JUST KEEPS
GOING...

I think
he'd be
fine with it...
...or not.



Who
knows?



WHAT'S
UP WITH
THAT?



Got it?

If anything
happens,
feel free to
talk to me.



...GUY
FRIEND.

AND THAT'S
HOW...

...I MADE
MY FIRST...



WHO'D
TALK
TO YOU?



SHOUTING
SO
LOUDLY.

Later!

Yeah,
see ya!

WHEN I
THOUGHT
OF SHIRO
LEAVING
LIKE
THAT...

...IT
JUST
CAME
OUT.

IT WAS MY
FIRST TIME
MEETING
A GUY I
COULD
TALK SO
EASILY
WITH.

I
CAN'T...

...BELIEVE
IT.

I EVEN
SURPRISED
MYSELF.

ONCE I
THOUGHT
THAT,
I JUST
SHOUTED.

SHIRO'S
LEAVING!

I
ACTUALLY
MADE A
GUY
FRIEND!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!

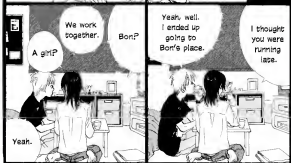
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CHAK

カチ

スニフ

WHFT

.....









TSUBOMI SHIRAKAWA



RITSUKO KANAI



MISTER
NASU-
KAWA...

—GOT
DIVORCED
LAST
YEAR.

HE'S A
LONELY
DIVORCÉ.

IF YOU
WANT HIM,
NOW'S THE
CHANCE!





Shiro was here!!



...SEEMS
SO HEAVY.

MY FIRST
LOVE...





#7
COMICS

Business
is slow
today...



WHAT SHOULD I DO?

OH
MAN...

#7
cousin

NOW THAT
I THINK
ABOUT IT

HOW OLD
IS HE
ANYWAY?

I CAN'T
HELP BEING
NERVOUS.

I MEAN
HE'S AN
ADULT

TV GAME

11

SALE

100

100

Age Group	Percentage of Respondents
18-24	95%
25-34	85%
35-44	75%
45-54	65%
55-64	55%
65-74	45%
75+	15%

110

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Going some-
where?

Oh!

Um.

Yeah.

How

...about
you?

Ah
ha
ha.
Yeah.
I forgot to
return a video.



IT'S
HIM!



WHOA.

THIS...
FEELS
ONDA
TENSE.



Hehe..



Drop
by again
sometime.
OK?







OK,
WELL.

BUT,
WHEN'S
THAT?

I SAID,
"NEXT TIME."



THIS
IS BAD.
I RAN
AWAY
AGAIN.



KA-CHAK
カラチャカ
Welcome!

Yes way!

No way!

So even you have problems.

Yeah, well.
Not really.



Hey!
Long time
no see!



Anyway...
These
are my
friends.

Hi

I knew
it!

Hi



How
rude.

It's always
empty
whenever
I come.

No
it's
not.



You
actually
have
customers.



There's nothing sweet on here!



Of course I do!

Don't you ever get any real customers?

Hey!



How about dried fruit?

Well, there's dessert.

Didn't you say you'd add some?



I'll leave it to you.

What?

Really? What about your shop?

I'll go buy something then.

The store's close by anyways.



I Hate. Dried. Fruit!!

Now, now. Calm down, Princess..







SO EM-
BARRASSING!

RUNNING
SO HARD
AND...

...FALLING
ON MY
B-B-B-BUTT...

LIKE AN
IDIOT!

A BIG...

...FAT,
IDIOT!

I MUST
LOOK SO
STUPID!

OH MY
GOD!

I KNEW I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
COME!



YOU
OK?

Ha
ha!

Looks
like I
knocked
the wind
out of
you!



Who're you texting?

Huh?

Yeah, right.

You two-brooding me?

Just someone.

TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

TAP
TAP
TAP

カラララ
CLATTER
ラッ



I'm back!



Come sit
over here!



What're you
doing over
there?



Ah.

H-

Hello...



Hi.



What're
you saying?
Don't you
remember me?

BOW
ベニリ

Nice
to meet
you.

She's Shin's
girlfriend...

It's me.
Ritsuko
Kasai.





RITSUKO KANAI



That's
great!

Looks like
you guys are
having fun!

#8
cousin

FANTASY BON



That's
more
like it!

Not
bad!



BUT,
ANYWAY...





You don't like it?

Of course not!

I love it...



Who wants some old man to fall for her?!

Eww!

SA HA!

You think so?

Well, dun!



Seriously ?!

I just felt my heart skip a beat!

Whoa!



CHOMP!



Sure!

Get me a beer, Nasu!

MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
STUFF
STUFF
STUFF



That's not...!



IT'S
SWEET.

I DON'T
KNOW
WHY...

SWEET
AND...

BUT, THIS
IS REALLY...
...DELICIOUS.

...DELICIOUS.



I almost
forgot!

Hey!

ト
キ
TH-THUMP



This girl is
Noni
Shirakana's cousin.

So she
says.

What?

Ha ha
ha.

What's
going on?

And?

Yeah.

Did you ask
for Noni's
autograph
yet?





Hello?!

Did you
hear what
I said?!

Answer
me!

Why'd
you just
leave?!

Hey,
you!

COLLEGE
STUDENT

Hello?!





I met Mister
Nasukawa before
work and
he invited
me over.

Hey,
Shiro...

I really
tried my
best today.

So when
I finished,
I rushed home.



I even wore my
newest clothes.

...I barely
know how
to use.

I took a
shower, and
put on makeup...



I was the only
one running
like mad.



I mean,
I could've
just walked.

But when
I got off at
the subway
station...

...I ended up
running at
full speed.



So...
...I want
a redo.

It's not
like this
was my only
chance.

I'll just
try again
next time.

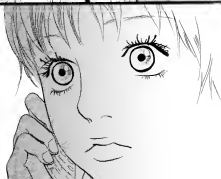


Sometimes,
there really
is only
one chance.

But you
know,
Bon...

OK.
Got it.

.....







...
standing
over
there?

What
are you
doing...

Hey...

That
scared
me!

H-

Huh?



I
left...

...without
saying
anything.

So I
wanted
to...

...say,
"sorry."



.....



...until the clerks started glaring at me.

Just drinking coffee...

I was in a nearby coffee shop.

Not really.

You came so far just for that?

You didn't have to.



What?



So I left and went to a convenience store.

Just killing time...



That's not the point!



PFT

It's not like I'll ever get hit on.



...and ...

You shouldn't be out alone this late. That's dangerous, you know.



It's fine.



SIGH

Come on...

I'll give you a lift.



.....



SHOCK

ヒッ?
?



HE
PROBABLY
HATES ME
NOW.



HE MUST
BE TIRED
OF ME.

I MADE
HIM ANGRY.



You...

Don't
worry
about it.

Let's go
together,
OK?



You
don't
have to.

I'll go
home
by
myself.

Didn't...

...I
say...

...it's
danger-
ous?!



LET'S GO
TOGETHER,
OK?







It's OK.

This area is pretty dangerous.

There are a lot of shady people.



WAIT...

IS HE MAKING FUN OF ME?

Where do you live?

On Yamahana Street.

OK!



... sorry.

I know...



It's fine.

It's what makes you cute.

It's good to be honest.



Shiro's girlfriend.

Didn't she say so?

Oh, that.

She was...



... you're popular.

I guess I can see why...



Huh?



Just normal.

I wasn't popular or anything.

...just exaggerating.



BEING
NORMAL
IS COOL?

HOW?

THEN
AGAIN...

MAYBE I'M
WORSE THAN
NORMAL..



Normal?

Being
normal
is cool,
too.



I'VE
COME
A
LONG
WAY.



Hm?

Umm
...



NOT TO
MENTION
...

I MEAN,
I NEVER
EVEN
TALKED
TO
GUYS...

...
UNTIL
NOW.

...SIT
NEXT TO
ONE IN
A CAR.



Not...

...really.



Just
kidding.
I'm 30.

Old,
right?



How old
are you,
Mister
Nasukawa?

TH-THUMP?

SS.



Huh?!

Make
that 17.



IT FEELS
LIKE...

...THE WAY
BACK HOME?

HUH?

...WE'RE
GOING
UPHILL.

IS THIS...



Like the
view?



Wow!

It's so
pretty!

I'm
here later
than usual
tonight.

Hey,
Bon.

IT'S
REALLY
PRETTY!

Don't
go too
far.

OK.
Time
to go!

If
you...

...keep
going...

What?!

That's
EP!

Not
enough
?

CRUNCH







Uh, Ben?



RIGHT...

...RIGHT NOW.



MAKING ME WANT TO SAY IT.



I WANTED TO SAY,
"I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME!"





Just when
did you get
back last night?



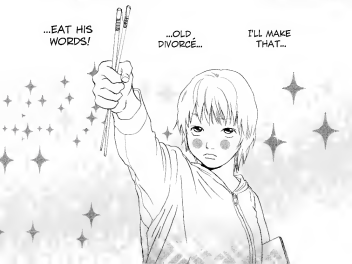
Morning.



...EAT HIS
WORDS!

...OLD
DIVORCÉ...

I'LL MAKE
THAT...





.....
.....
.....



Didn't I
say that's
not it?!



That's not it.
I was just
wondering
if you knew
anything.

What?!

You
don't
believe
me?



10
cousin

THE ME THAT
CAN'T MOVE
FORWARD.

...BUT
REFUSES TO
ADMIT IT.

THE ME THAT
ALWAYS ENVIES
OTHERS...

...AND
GIVES UP
EASILY.

THE ME
THAT LACKS
CONFIDENCE...



...I'LL
DEFINITELY
CHANGE!

IF I SAY
IT ENOUGH
TIMES...

"YOU CAN
DO IT/
YOU CAN
CHANGE!"

I'LL KEEP
TELLING
MYSELF...

I'LL
THROW
THEM ALL
AWAY.

...OVER
AND OVER
AGAIN.

THAT'S
WHAT
I'LL DO.

I'LL KEEP
TELLING
MYSELF
THAT..

THAT'S
RIGHT...

RING
RING
RING



TSUBOMI SHIRAKAWA

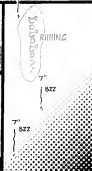
THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I DIDN'T GET YELLED AT
BY MY MOM! I'LL BE
BUSY FOR A WHILE,
BUT I'LL STOP BY WHEN
I CAN.





Those who
are not here
to study,
please leave!





THANK YOU FOR BEFORE.

?
Thank me
for what?

IT SEEMS YOU'VE
BEEN WORKING THE
LATE SHIFT RECENTLY.



I FEEL KINDA LONELY
SINCE YOU'RE NOT HERE,
BUT I'M TRYING MY BEST.



I thought
I'd focus
on school.

Yeah.

Well...

At least
I tried
to.





I FEEL FULL OF ENERGY
EVERY DAY. ISN'T THAT
GREAT? IT'S ALL THANKS
TO YOUR SUPPORT, SHIRO!
I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER
WHAT YOU SAID, AND TRY
MY BEST!

SEE YOU LATER!



This
girl...

...really
is trying
her best!

She's
serious!

...what
did I tell
her?

Just
...

OH, RIGHT.
HOW'S YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
DOES SHE WORK, TOO?

DEEP DEEP
f e e e e DEEP
DEEP











.....
Hey.



Thank
you very
much!



It's fine.



Well,
anyways.
Keep up the
good work.

Right...

This is
my first
appearance.

...so
no one
knows me.

But, well...
This is
goodbye.



Starting
next month,
I'll be working
at the Nishino
branch.

Huh?
As the
manager?

Shigematsu
or Matsushige.
Something
like that.

Yeah.
So there'll be
a new manager
coming in.

What
the
heck?
Ha ha





Hmph!

KICK



Bye!

Fine!
I'll just go
eat alone!

Hmph!

What's with
the cryptic
answer?



One
cheese-
burger.

One
teriyaki
burger.

Large
fries.

And
an iced
tea.

Wait.
Make that
a Coke!



I'M REALLY SORRY!
I'LL DEFINITELY GO
NEXT TIME! THANKS
FOR ASKING THOUGH!







THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I'LL DROP BY YOUR SHOP LATER...


...SO DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME!



THANKS.

RIGHT NOW I'M...

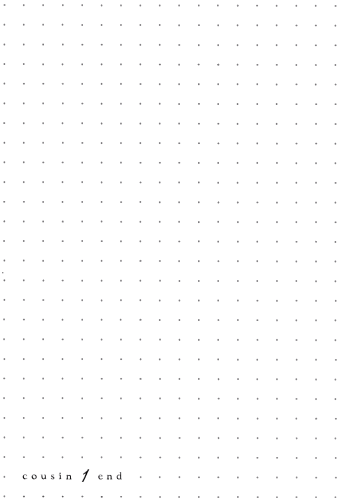
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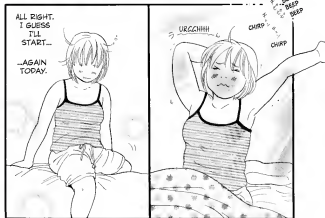


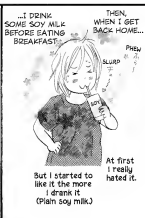
I FEEL MOTIVATED
EVERY DAY,
SO I'M TRYING MY BEST!
OK,
TALK TO YOU LATER!



I'M GOING
TO CHANGE!









FINALLY, THERE'S DINNER

I run the water till it reaches just below my chest.

SLURP

BEFORE
GOING
TO BED,
I WATCH
SOME
MORE TV.

CIAMOR

EXAMPLE

AAAAA

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